

Attachment F

PREFERENCE POINTS FOR CALIFORNIA-BASED ENTITIES

Pursuant to AB 2267 (Fuentes, 2008), the California Energy Commission's Public Interest Energy Research (PIER) Program must give a priority to "California-based entities" (CBEs) when making awards. To implement this law, the Energy Commission will award preference points if the proposal meets the criteria for a CBE as described below.

An Applicant must meet all of the following to receive CBE preference points:

1. The proposal must include a CBE as either the recipient or a subcontractor. A CBE is a corporation or other business form organized for the transaction of business that:
 - Either has its headquarters or an office in California AND
 - Substantially manufactures the product or substantially performs the research within California that is the subject of the award.
2. The budget must show that the CBE(s) will receive 50% or more of the PIER funds awarded.
 - If the CBE is the prime recipient, then this means that no more than 50% of the awarded PIER funds can be subcontracted to non-CBEs.
 - The 50% applies to the PIER funds and does not include the match funding. For example, if a proposal has a PIER budget of \$100,000, then regardless of how much match funding is pledged, the budget must show \$50,000 or more in PIER funds going to CBEs.
 - The 50% requirement can be made up of multiple CBEs. For example, a proposal in which a prime recipient CBE will receive 25% of PIER funds and a subcontractor CBE will receive 25% of PIER funds, meets this 50% requirement.
3. The proposal must receive a passing score prior to any preference points being added.

The preference points will be awarded as follows:

<i>Technical Score (prior to preference points being added)</i>	<i>Additional Points</i>
70-75	1
76-81	2
82-87	3
88-93	4
94-100	5

The total possible points, not counting any preference points, for this solicitation is 100. The minimum passing score is 70 points. Each proposal that has a score of 70 points or more and qualifies for this preference will receive additional points based on the table above.

Applicants wanting to qualify for these preference points must fill out the attached form. Otherwise eligible Applicants who do NOT submit the attached form with the proposal shall NOT be eligible for the CBE preference points.